

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 are pending in this application.

Claims 1-3 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-5 of U.S. Patent No. 7,089,907 to Shinagawa et al. ("Shinagawa"). Attached is a Terminal Disclaimer. Therefore, the rejection of the claims is moot. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Petition for Extension of Time
Terminal Disclaimer

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